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Application No.: 09/522,958  
Applicants: Katsuhiko ASAI, Hiroshi OOTSUKA, Kiyofumi  
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, PORTABLE  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD  
THEREOF  
Confirmation No.: 4595  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/01590  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The following in a Preliminary Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Application No. 09/522,958  
Preliminary Amendment dated December 31, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of July 1, 2003

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated July 1, 2003, for three additional months to January 1, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.